

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

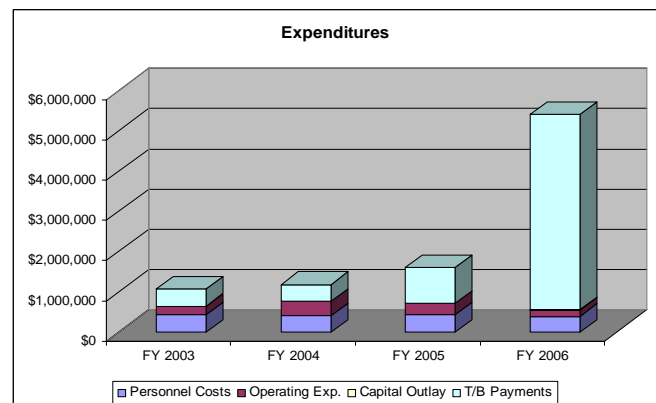
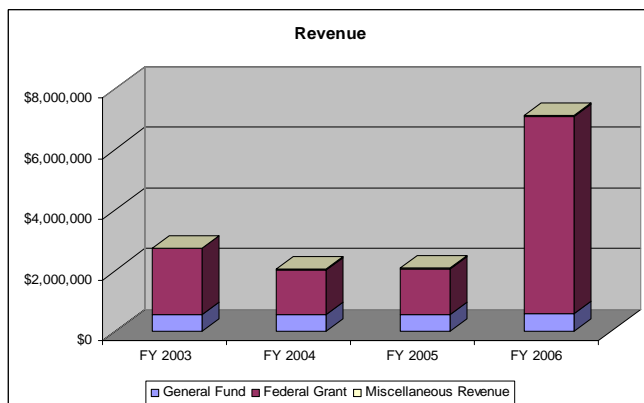
The Governor's Office of Species Conservation was created in the 2000 Idaho Legislative Session with the passage of Senate Bill 1490, which set up an agency within the Executive Office of the Governor (§ 67-818, Idaho Code). The Governor's Office of Species Conservation is dedicated to planning, coordinating and implementing the State's actions to preserve, protect and restore species listed as threatened and endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). This work will be done through coordination with the State natural resource agencies and with the input of the citizens of Idaho, while taking into consideration the economic vitality of the State.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

- 1) **Coordinate** federal ESA programs with State agencies (§ 67-818).
- 2) **Solicit**, provide, and delegate funding for ESA programs (§ 67-819).
- 3) **Create** de-listing advisory teams (§ 36-2402, 2403, 2404).
- 4) **Serve** as the State's "one-voice" on ESA policy (§ 67-818, 2(a)).
- 5) **Provide** a mechanism for Idaho citizens to voice ESA concerns (§ 67-818, 2(g)).
- 6) **Facilitate** collaboration between State, federal and private stakeholders (§ 67-818, 2(b)(c)(d)(g)).

Revenue and Expenditures

| Revenue | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$543,200 | \$528,900 | \$549,200 | \$573,700 |
| Federal Grant | \$2,188,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$6,511,300 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$35,000 | \$36,100 |
| Total | \$2,746,200 | \$2,043,900 | \$2,084,200 | \$7,121,100 |
| Expenditure | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
| Personnel Costs | \$418,600 | \$406,300 | \$415,900 | \$385,900 |
| Operating Expenditures | \$218,900 | \$349,400 | \$289,700 | \$155,300 |
| Capital Outlay | \$2,700 | \$10,400 | \$5,500 | \$7,500 |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | \$423,000 | \$409,600 | \$882,200 | \$4,842,400 |
| Total | \$1,063,200 | \$1,175,700 | \$1,593,300 | \$5,391,100 |



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

| Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Freshwater Aquatic Species Program | | | | |
| Gray Wolf Recovery | \$248,000 | \$454,332 | \$719,858 | \$819,260 |
| Sage Grouse | \$298,000 | \$296,303 | \$295,832 | \$295,586 |
| Bruneau Hot Springsnail | \$18,500 | | | |
| Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds | | \$4,923,000 | \$4,400,000 | \$2,205,000 |
| Slickspot | | | 60,166 | |

Performance Highlights:

- Negotiated special rule with the USFWS for limited State management of gray wolves in Idaho.
- Petitioned the USFWS to delist the Idaho springsnail.
- Provided data to USFWS to support delisting of bull trout in Idaho.
- Developed candidate conservation plan for slickspot peppergrass.
- Completed the Clearwater / Salmon forestry agreement.
- Developed statewide conservation agreement for sage grouse.
- Solicited, reviewed, and funded projects with Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds.
- Preparing to lead the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's '06 –'09 Fish & Wildlife Mitigation Program in Idaho.

Part II – Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Benchmark |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| 1. Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery | -0- | -3- | -3- | -5- | -5- |
| 2. Coldwater Fisheries | -2- | -3- | -3- | -3- | -3- |
| 3. Wolf Mitigation | -32- | -32- | -35- | -35- | -35- |
| 4. Sage Grouse | -20- | -25- | -25- | -25- | -30- |
| 5. Bruneau Hot Springsnail | -3- | -1- | -1- | -1- | -1- |

Performance Measure Explanatory Note:

There are a number of actions incorporated into the number of performance measures which will protect and recover endangered, threatened and candidate species. Each measure must:

- 1) **Research and assess** the species' condition, including its abundance, distribution and habitat conditions;
- 2) **Plan and prioritize** efforts to restore the species, addressing all aspects of the assessment;
- 3) **Fund and implement** on-the-ground efforts to protect and restore the species; and
- 4) **Evaluate and monitor** the actions and the recovery of the species.

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